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In the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0051] of the application as published with the following amended paragraph:

The base 216 of the insulative housing 210 has a top surface 216a with a plurality of openings 211 and a bottom surface 216b with a plurality of slots 217 (see FIG. 10). As will be described hereinafter, the slots 217 and the openings 216211 are configured to receive a plurality of signal conductors 240 and ground conductors 250 disposed on insulative posts 230 of the second electrical connector 200. While the insulative housing 210 shown in FIGS. 9 and 10 has ten grooves for receiving the wafers 120 and ten slots 217 for receiving signal conductors 240 and ground conductors 250 disposed on insulative posts 230, the insulative housing may be designed to provide any number of grooves and slots as desired. This design flexibility provides modularity of the present invention connector solution.